

STORY OF 1909

Important Events at Home and Abroad.

THE NORTH POLE REACHED

Happenings the World Over Classified—Political and Personal Affairs, Sporting Contests, Accidents Due to Storms, Floods and Earthquakes—Conventions and Items of Miscellaneous Interest.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL

JANUARY.
1. The president's special message on the secret service rejected by the house of representatives.
2. Secretary of State Elihu Root elected United States senator by the New York legislature. Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez proclaimed president of Cuba.
3. Governor General Macdonald formally turned over the government of Cuba to President Gomez.

FEBRUARY.
1. President Elihu Root formally opened the Pacific end of the Panama canal.
2. France and Germany signed a Morocco pact. King Edward VII. received in Berlin, the first visit of a British king to the German capital in 18 years.

MARCH.
4. Inauguration of W. H. Taft as twenty-seventh president of the United States, 60th congress ended.
5. President Taft nominated his cabinet officers as follows: Philander C. Knox, secretary of state; Franklin MacVeagh, the treasury; Jacob M. Dickinson, war; George von Meyer, navy; R. A. Ballinger, interior; James Wilson, agriculture; Charles Nagel, commerce and labor; Frank H. Hitchcock, postmaster general; George W. Wickes, attorney general.

6. Special session of the 61st congress opened; Joseph G. Cannon elected speaker of the house.
7. Traffic bill framed by the Republican members of the ways and means committee of congress introduced in the house by Sen. E. Payne, chairman of the committee.
8. Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt sailed from New York for Naples on the Hamburg-American liner Hamburg.
9. An agreement reached by Austria and Serbia effecting peace in the Balkans.

APRIL.
1. The last of the United States troops left Cuba.
2. The Payne tariff bill passed the house by a vote of 217 to 61.
3. Turkish garrison in Constantinople mutinied and expelled the Young Turk ministry.
4. Ultimatum of Young Turks to parliament.
5. The Young Turks gained complete control of Constantinople, making the Sultan Abdul Hamid prisoner in his palace.

6. Abdul Hamid II, sultan of Turkey, formally deposed by the Constitutional party and his brother, Mohammed Reeschad, chosen successor.
7. 300 leaders of the army mutiny of April 13 in Constantinople executed for conspiracy.
8. Mohammed V., Turkey's new sultan, invested with the sword of sovereignty at Constantinople.
9. Gen. Stoessel and Admiral Nebogoff, who were serving sentences for neglect of duty in the late war, pardoned by the czar.

10. Dr. Charles William Eliot retired from the presidency of Harvard after 40 years' service.
11. Abbott Lawrence Lowell assumed the presidency of Harvard university.
12. The senate passed its amended tariff bill by a vote of 65 to 34.

13. Eloquent Bolivians attacked the Argentine legation at La Paz in protest against Argentina's decision in the Peruvian boundary dispute.
14. Prince von Bulow, chancellor of the German empire, retired from office and was succeeded by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg. Royal troops of Persia defeated by the Nationalists at Teheran.
15. Diplomatic relations severed between Bolivia and the Argentine Republic upon the initiation of Argentina.

16. An anti-Dias political riot at Guadalajara, Mexico, resulted in wrecking the town. Anti-Moroccan war riot in Barcelona, Spain.
17. The Russian Emperor Nicholas received as the guest of King Edward VII. of England at Cowes.

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23. President Taft reached Washington at the end of his trip.
24. British house of lords rejected the Liberal budget by a vote of 250 to 130.
25. The state department handed Senor Rodriguez, Nicaraguan charge d'affaires in Washington, his passport, virtually demanding the organization of a new government to replace Zelaya's.

26. Regular session 61st congress opened. William J. Calhoun of Chicago appointed minister to China.
27. President Taft's first annual message presented to the congress.
28. Judge H. H. Lurton appointed justice of the United States supreme court.
29. President Zelaya placed his resignation in the hands of the Nicaraguan congress.

30. Prince Albert formally succeeded to the Belgian throne.
31. Loss of \$500,000 by the burning of 34 autos in storage in Boston.
32. Loss of nearly \$700,000 by fire in the woolen mills at North Chelmsford, Mass.

33. Fire on the wharfs of Galveston caused loss of \$500,000.
34. Loss of \$200,000 in a department store fire in St. Paul.
35. Fire in North West, Tex., wiped out ten blocks and property valued at \$5,000,000; 6 deaths.

36. Fatal fire in the business section of Lenox, Mass.; 6 deaths; loss nearly \$500,000.
37. Fire destroyed 3 churches, 40 dwellings and a business block in Rochester, N. Y.; loss nearly \$500,000.
38. A \$1,500,000 fire in Akron, O.

39. Loss of \$1,000,000 by the burning of the Nevada grain docks at Port Costa, Cal.
40. Port William Henry hotel, noted hostelry on Lake George, burned; loss about \$250,000.
41. Monticello, N. Y., a popular summer resort, nearly destroyed by fire; loss about \$1,000,000.

42. Fire in the business district of Decatur, Ill., caused a loss of \$2,500,000.
43. Flames destroyed 5 buildings in the business district of Baltimore; loss estimated at about \$1,000,000.
44. Fire in the business district of Kalamazoo, Mich., caused a loss of \$750,000.

45. The Racine Manufacturing company's plant and other buildings burned at Racine, Wis.; loss \$550,000.
46. Beginning of a West India hurricane which created wide havoc on the northern gulf coast; heavy loss of life and great damage to property.
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48. Earthquake at Catania, Sicily; Vesuvius again active.
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STORM AND FLOOD

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26. 30 villages destroyed and 6,000 people killed by an earthquake in Persia.
27. Severe earthquake shocks in Spain.
28. 13 killed and scores injured by a tornado which swept over eastern Arkansas.
29. 25 killed and 74 injured in a tornado at Brinkley, Ark.

30. Cyclone wrecked 100 houses at Cuthbert, Ga.; 6 deaths.
31. 13 deaths in a hurricane which swept the middle west from Mississippi to Pennsylvania.
32. 7 persons killed and property valued at \$1,000,000 ruined by a windstorm at Cleveland.

33. Over 200 persons killed and millions in property destroyed by tornadoes which swept the south, including Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.
34. Many lives lost in a cyclone which swept over North Dakota and western Minnesota. 25 persons killed and 40 injured in Oklahoma by tornadoes.

35. Over 30 persons killed and upward of 100 injured in a windstorm at Zephyr, Tex.
36. 11 persons killed and scores injured in a series of tornadoes which swept over Texas.
37. 100 deaths in an earthquake which ruined the towns of St. Cannat and Rognes, France.

38. Severe earthquake shocks at Reggio and Messina, scene of the devastation in December, 1908.
39. 50 persons killed by an earthquake in southern Greece.
40. 16 persons killed and 75 injured by a sudden storm in New York.

41. 21 persons killed in a hurricane which swept over the gulf of Mexico and struck Galveston and the neighboring coast.
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3. Cross country aeroplane record of 13 miles in 19 1/2 minutes made at Mineola, N. Y., by C. F. Willard.

4. Walter Wellman ascended in his dirigible balloon at Spitzbergen, bound for the north pole, meeting with an accident after traveling 36 miles, which indefinitely postponed the trip.
5. Opening of the aeroplane races at Rheims, France.

6. 3 killed and many injured in a strike riot at the Western Steel Car company's plant at Schoenerville, Pa.
7. Glenn H. Curtiss, American aviator, made a speed record at the Rheims races by covering 61.4 miles in 5 minutes 52.5 seconds.

8. Paulhan, French aviator, broke all records for length of unbroken flight including Wilbur Wright's, by remaining in the air 2 hours, 53 minutes and 24 seconds at Rheims.
9. Henry Farman, English aviator, set a new record for heavier than air machines by covering 111.7 miles in 1 hour, 4 minutes and 56.2 seconds at Rheims.

10. Glenn H. Curtiss won the international aviator cup at Rheims by traveling at the rate of 45.5 miles an hour and covering 12.4 miles in 15 minutes 53.4 seconds.
11. The Spaniards at Melilla destroyed 100 Moors by exploding mines under their camp.
12. Centenary of the birth of Oliver Wendell Holmes celebrated.

SEPTEMBER.
1. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the arctic explorer who after covering 696 miles, landed at Copenhagen.
2. Capt. F. S. Cody, an American in the British service, made a cross country aeroplane flight of 40 miles, covered in 1 hour and 3 minutes.

3. Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, arrived in New York. Peary reached Peary, Nova Scotia.
4. The Hudson-Fulton celebration opened by a naval parade in New York harbor.
5. The ship Roosevelt, which carried the Peary exploring expedition, arrived at New York from the arctic region.

OCTOBER.
1. Commander Robert E. Peary reached New York. International balloon goal race from Zurich.
2. Orville Wright broke the high flying record by soaring 1,600 feet at Fort Sumner, N. M. The Peary expedition goal race from Zurich, landing within 600 yards of the goal.

3. Edgar W. Mix, American aeronaut, won the Gordon Bennett cup in the balloon race from Zurich, landing at Poland. Statue of Verrazano, reputed first discoverer of the Hudson, unveiled in Battery park, New York.
4. Close of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific fair at Seattle; total attendance about \$250,000.

5. Opening of the Portola festival, commemorating the discovery in 1772 of the bay of San Francisco.
6. Paulhan, French aviator, made a new record in flight, reaching an altitude of 97 feet at Sandown park, London.
7. Standard Oil trust ordered to dissolve by the eighth United States circuit court, sitting as a court of appeal.

8. Switchmen's strike begun in the northwest.
9. P. F. Shedy, noted sporting man and an authority on art, died in New York city; aged 84.
10. Senator John Raines, father of the Raines hotel law, died at Canandaigua, N. Y. Gen. W. W. Dudley, formerly commissioner of pensions, died in Washington; aged 67.

11. Centenary of the birth of Right Hon. William Ewart Gladstone, British statesman, died in London; aged 84.
12. The publishers and one editor of the New York World indicted by the federal grand jury in New York city.
13. Standard Oil acquitted in the railway rebate case.

14. Lieut. Joseph Petrosini, noted Italian detective in New York, assassinated at Palermo, Italy.
15. Count Zeppelin's dirigible airship created a world's record by carrying 27 persons 150 miles.
16. Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., planted the stars and stripes at the north pole.

17. Hans Anderson, survivor of the crew of the famous Monitor in the fight with the Merrimack March 3, 1862, died in Brooklyn; aged 85.
18. Peter Fenelon Collier, founder of Collier's Weekly and a patron of outdoor sports, died in New York city; aged 87.
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JANUARY.

1. Lily, duchess of Marlborough, daughter of the late Commodore Price of the United States navy, in London; aged 81.
2. Vice Admiral Rojestvensky, commander of the Russian Baltic fleet when annihilated by Togo's ships May, 1905, in the sea of Japan, in St. Petersburg; aged 69.

3. Benoit-Constant Coquelin, noted French actor, in Paris; aged 67.
4. Miss Martha Finley, author of the popular "Elsie Books," at Elkton, Md.; aged 81.
5. John Gilmer Speed, journalist and author, at Mendham, N. J.; aged 65.

6. Catullus Mendes, noted French poet, in Paris.
7. Grand Duke Vladimir, uncle of the czar of Russia, in St. Petersburg; aged 52.
8. Rear Admiral Charles S. Cotton, U. S. N., retired, at Nice, France; aged 65.

9. Carroll D. Wright, soldier, statistician and educator, at Worcester, Mass.; aged 65.
10. Rev. Dr. Theodore Cuyler, noted minister and author, in Brooklyn; aged 87.
11. E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, well known turfman, at Arcadia, Cal.; aged 81.

12. John H. Starin, pioneer in river and harbor transportation, in New York city; aged 84.
13. Maj. E. L. G. Zalinski, U. S. A., retired, noted inventor and engineer, in New York city; aged 90.
14. Elinor MacCartney Lane, author of "Nancy Stair," and other novels, at Lynchburg, Va.

15. Col. William Lamb, soldier, editor and lawyer, hero of the Confederate defense of Fort Fisher in 1865, at Norfolk, Va.; aged 73.
16. Vice Admiral Cervera, who commanded the Spanish fleet at Santiago in 1898, at Puerto Real, Spain; aged 70.

17. Helena Modjeska, Polish tragedienne, at Bay City, Cal.; aged 63.
18. F. Marion Crawford, novelist, at Sorrento, Italy; aged 55.
19. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, ex-secretary of the interior, in Washington; aged 74.

20. Algernon Charles Swinburne, poet and essayist, at Putney, England; aged 72.
21. Ex-United States Senator M. C. Butler of South Carolina, at Columbia, S. C.; aged 73.

22. Ex-United States Senator William Stewart of Nevada, at Washington; aged 82.
23. Charles Warren Stoddard, author and educator, in Monterey, Cal.; aged 65.
24. Heinrich Conried, impresario, former director of the Metropolitan Opera House, in Merl, Austria; aged 54.

25. Ex-governor Frederick Holbrook of Vermont, at Brattleboro; aged 96.
26. Olive Logan, formerly an actress, author and lecturer, near Sutton, Surrey, England; aged 70.
27. Augusta Evans Wilson, author of "St. Elmo," "Beulah," "Vashti" and other popular novels of southern life, at Mobile, Ala.; aged 74.

28. George Meredith, the English novelist, in London; aged 81.
29. Henry H. Rogers, financier and director of the Standard Oil company, in New York; aged 69.
30. Theodore Barth, noted German editor, publicist and authority on American affairs, at Baden-Baden; aged 60.

31. Col. Alexander Kelly McClure, noted journalist, long prominent in Pennsylvania politics, in Philadelphia; aged 81.
32. Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, distinguished clergyman, author and journalist, chaplain of the United States senate, in Roxbury, Mass.; aged 87.

33. Frederick de Martens, noted Russian scholar and diplomat, delegate to the Portsmouth peace conference in 1905, at St. Petersburg; aged 64.
34. Sarah Orne Jewett, noted writer of stories of New England life, at South Berwick, Me.; aged 60.

35. Carrie Burnham Kilgore, pioneer woman lawyer, at Swarthmore, Pa.; aged 72.
36. Prof. Simon Newcomb, noted astronomer, mathematician and traveler, in Washington; aged 74.

37. Frederick Philaster, civil war veteran and noted military writer and statistician, at Albany, N. Y.; aged 73.
38. Louis Loeb, American artist and illustrator, at Canterbury, N. H.; aged 42.

39. Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, at Varese, Lombardy; aged 81.
40. Rosa Novichette Cary, popular English novelist, in London.
41. Elizabeth Taylor Dandridge, daughter of President Zachary Taylor and mistress of the White House during his term, at Winchester, Va.; aged 85.

42. Lady Alma-Tadema, wife of the celebrated painter Sir Laurence Alma-Tadema and herself an artist of note, in London.
43. Sir Theodore Martin, English author and poet, in London; aged 82.

44. George Manville Fenn, English novelist of the old school, in London; aged 78.
45. Clyde Fitch, the playwright, at Chalon-sur-Saone, France; aged 64.

46. Henry B. Blackwell, anti-slaveryist and pioneer woman suffragist, in Boston; aged 84.
47. Gen. James Shackelford, veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, at Fort Huron, Mich.; aged 82.
48. Jos. B. Erhardt, noted lawyer and political leader, in New York city; aged 65.

49. Lieut. Gen. H. C. Corbin, U. S. A., retired, in New York city; aged 65.
50. Gen. Edward M. McCook, a civil war veteran and one of the "fighting McCooks" of Ohio, in Chicago; aged 84.

51. Governor John A. Johnson of Minnesota, at Rochester, Minn.; aged 69.
52. Robert Hoe 3d, head of the noted firm of printing press manufacturers of New York and London, in London; aged 78.

53. Major Rodina Nutt, last male survivor of Barnum's celebrated midge troops, at Dorchester, Mass.; aged 88.
54. Henrietta Chaffraun, an old time actress who supported Forbes and the Booths, at Burlington, N. J.; aged 78.

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1. Albert Pulitzer, founder of the New York Journal and brother of Joseph Pulitzer of the New York World, in Vienna; aged 58.
2. W. L. Buchanan, former American minister to Panama, in London.

3. Cesare Lombroso, noted Italian criminologist and alienist, at Turin; aged 67.
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5. Col. Theodore A. Dodge, U. S. A., retired, noted military writer, in Paris; aged 77.

6. Rear Admiral Henry Erben, U. S. N., retired, a naval hero of the civil war in New York city; aged 77.
7. Gen. Otis Howard, U. S. A., retired, at Burlington, Vt.; aged 79.
8. Prince Hiroburo Ito, distinguished Japanese statesman, former resident general of Korea, assassinated at Harbin, Manchuria, by a Korean.

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